## Press Release

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## Donald Custer Named Harford County Employee of the Month for September 2014

(Bel Air, MD) - - Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation employee Donald Custer has been named the Harford County Employee of the Month for September 2014. Custer is a custodian with Parks and Recreation.

Custer has been recognized for the award for his kindness and going above and beyond the call of duty to help others. On Wednesday, June 11, 2014, a homeless man arrived at a Parks and Recreation Center around 7pm. Once Custer realized the man did not have a place to go, he called his wife and they began to call area churches to find him a place to stay. Two hours later, the homeless man was placed in a taxi and sent to a church in Aberdeen. Custer also paid for the cab service out of his own pocket. He promised the man he would not let him sleep on a park bench and found him a safe place to sleep.

"Don should be recognized as going above and beyond representing Harford County and the Department of Parks and Recreation by his act of kindness in handling the situation," said Michael Stritzinger, Supervisor with Parks and Recreation.

Stritzinger nominated Donald Custer for the award.

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